

International Society of Nephrology

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1994 is included in the annual 1994 dues of US \$100.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$100.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applicants should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "...was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Stewart Cameron, M.D., President, International Society of Nephrology, Clinical Science Laboratories, Guy's Tower (17th & 18th Floors) Guy's Hospital, London Bridge, England SE1 9RT, United Kingdom.

ISN Archives

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine CB 7155, University of North Carolina, School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA.

MEETINGS

The 29th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Dialysis and Transplantation Association (SEDTA) will be held August 11–14, 1994 in Memphis, Tennessee. The conference will be co-sponsored

by The National Kidney Foundations of Tennessee and The University of Tennessee, Memphis. The theme is: Management of the ESRD patient: A look into the 21st century. Topics will include: Optimization of dialysis, new techniques in dialysis delivery, diabetic nephropathy—new approaches, the MDRD Study, kidney and pancreas transplant, health care reform, EPO—unfilled promise?, urea kinetics in peritoneal dialysis, nutrition protocols, and coping with ESRD. The conference is open to all physicians, nurses, dietitians, social workers, administrators, and others involved in the treatment and management of renal disease. CME credits for physicians, registered nurses, dietitians, and social workers will be offered. For more information and registration forms, contact Lisa Burk, Conference Coordinator at The University of Tennessee, Memphis, Office of Continuing Education, 956 Court Ave., Room A101, Memphis, Tennessee 38103. Telephone: (901) 448-4180.

The Fourth European Symposium on Uroradiology Imaging and Intervention, sponsored by the European Society of Uroradiology, will be held in Florence, Italy on September 12–15, 1994. Topics will include: state of the art; pitfalls in kidney imaging; urogenital infections; traumas of the urinary tract; benign tumors of the urinary tract; early cancer; urinary incontinence; fetal uroradiology; and interventional uroradiology. For further information, contact Prof. Ludovico Dalla-Palma, Istituto di Radiologia dell'Università, Ospedale di Cattinara, Strada di Fiume, 34149 Trieste, Italy. Telephone: 39-40-7764372; FAX: 39-40-910921.

The International Symposium on Mechanisms in Nephrotoxicity will be held in Leiden, The Netherlands, on September 22–25, 1994. Topics will cover various aspects of nephrotoxicity, including: mechanisms of chemically induced nephrotoxicity, immunologically induced nephrotoxicity, toxicity after ischemia, wound repair, and nephrocarcinogenesis. For further information contact Mrs. F.J. Velthorst, Symposium Secretariat, LACDR, P.O. Box 9502, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands. Telephone: 31 71 274341; FAX: 31 71 274277.

The Third International Workshop on Alport Syndrome will be held in Erlangen, Germany on September 11–13, 1994. Topics will include: type IV collagen biochemistry and genes, mutation reports in X-linked and autosomal Alport syndrome, cell-matrix interactions and its possible role in human disease, and animal models for type IV collagen diseases. For further information, please contact Manfred Weber, M.D., Ph.D., Medizinische Klinik IV, Krankenhausstrasse 12, 91054 Erlangen, Germany. Telephone: (49) 9131-859002; FAX: (49) 9131-859209.

The 34th Annual Scientific Symposium on Kidney Disease to Highlight Health Care Reform will be held in La Jolla, California on September 17, 1994. Continuing education credits are available. Topics will include: impact of health care reform on nephrology, current therapeutic approaches to glomerular nephritis, and standards for peritoneal dialysis. For information and registration forms, contact Andrew Weissner, National Kidney Foundation of Southern California, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 395, Los Angeles, California 90045-7404, USA. Telephone: (310) 641-8152; FAX: (310) 641-5246.

The International Symposium on Interaction in the Practice of Internal Medicine and Endocrinology will be held in Anacapri, Italy on September 22–24, 1994. Topics on endocrine aspects of nephrology, gastroenterology and cardiology will be covered. For further information, contact Prof. V. Santiemma, Istituto Clinica Medica V, Policlinico Umberto I, "La Sapienza" University, 0161 Rome, Italy. Telephone: 06/86211350; FAX: 86211369.

An international symposium entitled "Lipids, Hypertension, Nutrition and Other Markers for Longevity in Renal Failure Management" will be held at The Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, on September 30–October 1, 1994. For further information and registration forms, please contact Barbara Roger, Division of Nephrology, The Long Island College Hospital, Hicks Street and Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11201, USA. Telephone: (718) 780-1247; Fax: (718) 780-1415.

Forefronts in Nephrology:

Symposium of the Regulation of Cell Compartments and Cytoskeletons

This symposium, which is sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, will be held in "Tsumagoi" (2000 Tamari, Kakegawa, Shizuoka 436, Japan) on September 25–28, 1994. Recent advances in research on the roles of cytoskeletons and related proteins in the dynamic regulation of cell compartment functions in renal and non-renal tissues will be discussed. Special attention will be on cellular and molecular mechanisms. The major topics will include: State-of-the-art lecture; cytoskeletons as bases of cell morphogenesis; membrane protein dynamics in polarized cells; molecular mechanisms of membrane dynamics (exocytosis and/or endocytosis); and cell polarity and the dynamic regulation of transporters in the kidney. Leading investigators on these subjects are invited. A limited number of travel funds will be available to young investigators who will present posters on related topics. For further information, contact Masashi Imai, M.D., Department of Pharmacology, Jichi Medical School, Minamikawachi, Kawachi, Tochigi 329-04, Japan. Telephone: 81 (285) 44-2111 ext. 3134; FAX: 81 (285) 44-5541.

Forefronts in Nephrology: Phosphate

This symposium, which is sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology, will be held September 24–28, 1995, in Seelisberg, Switzerland. Topics will include: molecular aspects of phosphate transport, the role of the phosphate group in regulation of cellular activities and physiological and pathophysiological mechanisms involved in controlling phosphate homeostasis. Attendance is limited to 80 persons. A limited number of travel awards are available for young investigators. For further information contact Dr. Heini Murer or Dr. Jurg Biber, Institute of Physiology, University of Zurich, Winterthurerstrasse 190, CH-8057 Zurich, Switzerland. Telephone: (01) 257 5031; FAX: (01) 364 05 64.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification will be held in Kyongju, Korea on September 27–29, 1995. Topics will include: all types of therapeutic blood purification, such as hemodialysis, hemofiltration, peritoneal dialysis, adsorption and apheresis, immunological and metabolic responses to artificial extracorporeal treatment, blood banking, and new trends in membrane research. For further information, contact Dr. Hi Bahl Lee, Hyonam Kidney Laboratory, Soon Chun Hyang University, 657 Hannam Dong, Yongsan Koo, Seoul 140-743, Korea. Telephone: 82-2-792-6657; FAX: 82-2-792-5812.

The 12th Congress of the Chilean Societies of Nephrology, Transplant and Hypertension will be held in La Serena, 4th Region Chile on October 6–8, 1994. For further information, contact Dr. Alejandro Cotera, Secretaria, Bernarda Morin 488 (2nd Floor), Providencia, Santiago, Chile. FAX: (56)-(2)-737-4131 and (56)-(2)-222-5515.

The 9th International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held in New York City, New York, USA on October 7–9, 1994. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding the care of patients on forms of dialysis, and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and free communications. Abstracts should be 300 words or less and are due by August 1, 1994. Topics will include: dealing with aggressive patients, sleep disorders in the ESRD patient and their treatment, psychological effects of peritoneal dialysis and use of psychotropic medication and compliance. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Liaison Psychiatry Division, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA. Telephone: (914) 285-8424; FAX: (914) 285-1965.

The First International Symposium on the "Epithelial Sodium Channel and Mechanosensitive Channels: A New Gene Superfamily," will be held in Villars-sur-Ollon, Vaud, Switzerland on October 12–15, 1994. The aim of the symposium is to discuss recent progress in the identification and characterization of genes which are involved in cell volume and extracellular volume homeostasis, as well as mechano- and taste-transduction. Properties of the novel cation channel will be compared with those of the well characterized ligand and voltage gated channels. The total number of participants is limited to 120; travel grants will be available for students, post-docs and young investigators presenting a poster. Women and minority investigators are encouraged to apply. Please send your application before June 30, 1994 to Prof. Bernard C. Roussier, Institut de Pharmacologie et de Toxicologie de l'Université, Rue du Bugnon 27, CH-1005 Lausanne, Switzerland. FAX: 41 (21) 692 53 55; Telephone: 41 (21) 692 53 50; E-mail: Bernard.Roussier@ipharm.unil.ch.

The First Croatian Congress of Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation will be held in Zagreb, Croatia on October 12–15, 1994. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Croatia, the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences, and the Zagreb City Assembly. Topics will include: an overview of nephrology; adequacy of dialysis, renal bone disease, other blood purification methods; organ transplantation, immunology, and infection. For further information, contact Dr. Lj. Bubić-Filipi, Secretary General, Scientific Secretariat, University Hospital Rebro, Kišpatićeva 12, 4100 Zagreb, Croatia. Telephone: +385 41/21 25 17; FAX: 21-31-08.

The IX Latin American and the II Iberoamerican Congress of Nephrology will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 20–24, 1994. For further information, contact Jose L. Cangiano, M.D., P.O. Box 11428, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00909. Telephone: (809) 758-7575, ext. 5000; FAX: (809) 763-2039.

The National Kidney Foundation will hold its Annual Scientific Meeting October 24–26, 1994 in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will offer state-of-the-art presentations and symposia on the pathogenesis, diagnosis, cure and prevention of diseases of the kidney and urinary tract. Participants will be provided with the most current information with which to formulate decisions in the direct care of their patients. Program topics will include: women in nephrology, molecular biology for the nephrologist—what the future holds, unusual glomerular diseases, nutrition in the renal patient, and much more. For further information, contact The National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. Telephone: (212) 889-2210 or (800) 622-9010.

The 1994 American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting will be held on October 26–29, 1994 at the Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, Florida, USA. For further information contact the American Society of Nephrology, Suite 700, 1101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: (202) 857-1190.

Joint ASN-ISN Conference

A joint ASN-ISN Conference on "Structural Biology: Applications to the Study of Membrane Protein Function," will be held in Orlando, Florida on October 29–November 1, 1994. Sponsors include the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology, and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Conference organizers are Donald Engelman and Peter Aronson. Topics will include: general principles of protein structure, mechanisms of protein folding and stability, methods to determine membrane protein structure, and approaches to studying structure-function relationships. For general information and information about trainee and young investigator travel awards, contact Martha Wagner, ASN Headquarters, 1101 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190/FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The Fourth International Congress of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation will be held on October 30–November 2, 1994 in Isfahan, Iran. For further information, please contact Dr. Iradj Fazel, M.D., F.A.C.S., Academy of Medical Sciences of Iran, P.O. Box 19395/4655, Pasdaran Avenue, Tehran, Iran. FAX: (98-21) 8006967; Telephone: (98-21) 2520389.

The 7th Berliner Dialyseseminar will be held in Berlin, Germany on December 2–3, 1994. There will only be invited lectures. The main purpose is to provide basic knowledge on the entire field of renal replacement therapy. For further information, contact Prof. Dr. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus—Med. Abt. II, Baumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030.7882.2379; FAX: 030.7882.2669.

The Fifth Asian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology will be held December 1–3, 1994 in New Delhi, India. For further information contact Prof. R.N. Srivastava, M.D., Congress President, Department of Pediatrics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi-110 029, India. Telephone: (0091-11) 6864851, Ext. 3472, 665369; FAX: (0091-11) 6862663.

The Scandinavian Society of Nephrology will hold its next meeting in Oslo, Norway from May 24–27, 1995. The Scandinavian Society of Nephrology will accept approximately 50 abstracts of free communications, with an acceptance rate of about 60–70%. For further information contact Hallvard Holdaas, M.D., Department of Medicine, National Hospital, Pilestredet 32, 0027 Oslo, Norway.

The Sixth European Symposium on Urolithiasis will be held in Stockholm, Sweden on June 8–10, 1995. For further information contact Professor Hans-Göran Tiselius, Department of Urology, University Hospital, S-581 85 Linköping, Sweden. Telephone: 46 13 22 37 43; Fax: 46 13 22 45 74.

The ISN International Satellite Symposium on Acute Renal Failure will be held in Barcelona, Spain on July 9–11, 1995. The symposium is being organized by the Servei de Nefrologia, Hospital General Universitari Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona. For more information contact Sergei Roca, Viajes Iberia Congresos,

Symposium Secretariat. Telephone: 34 3 419 51 51; Fax: 34 3 405 13 90.

The XXXII Congress of European Dialysis Transplant Association—European Renal Association will be held in Athens, Greece on June 11–14, 1995. For further information, please contact Theodore Mountokalakis, Congress President, FAX: ++30 1 7778838, or Vincenzo Cambi, M.D., Secretary Treasurer, Clinica Medica Nefrologia, Università di Parma, Ospedale Maggiore, Via Gramsci, 14-43100 Parma, Italy. Telephone: 39 (0521) 290343; FAX: 39 (521) 291777.

The Society for Organ Sharing will hold its 3rd International Congress on July 17–19, 1995 in Paris, France. The topics will include: organ procurement, organ sharing, organ preservation and storage, expanding the donor pool, and socio-cultural aspects. The deadline for abstracts is January 1, 1995. For further information contact the Secretariat Office, Hopital St. Louis, 1 Avenue Claude Vellefaux, 75475 Paris Cedex 10, France. Fax: 33 1.42 06 94 90.

The *Kidney: Structure and Function in Health and Disease, a Symposium Honoring Homer W. Smith on the 100th Anniversary of his birth*, will be held in Mount Desert Island, Maine on August 16–19, 1995. The symposium is being organized by K.W. Beyenbach, B.M. Brenner, E. Kinne-Saffran, R.K.H. Kinne, and Y. Natchin, and is sponsored by Merck. Topics will include: the Smith legacy to renal physiology and clinical nephrology; anatomy and pathology of the kidney and tubular cells; glomerular filtration in health and disease; excretion of urea; mechanisms and molecular biology of tubular transport excretion of water-sodium excretion and sodium balance; acid-base balance; and strategies for interrupting progressive renal diseases. A limited number of travel awards will be available for young investigators; applications from women and minority groups are particularly encouraged. For further information, contact Daniela Mägedfessel, Max-Planck-Institut für molekulare Physiologie, Postfach 10 26 64, 44026 Dortmund, Germany. Telephone: 49 231 1206481; FAX: 49 231 1206494.

XIII International Congress of Nephrology

The XIII International Congress of Nephrology will be held at the Palacio Municipal de Congresos, Campo de las Naciones, in Madrid, Spain on July 2–6, 1995. The Congress is sponsored by the International Society of Nephrology in cooperation with the Sociedad Española de Nefrología, Sociedad Canaria de Nefrología, Sociedad de Castilla y León de Nefrología, Sociedad de Nefrología, de Cataluña y Baleares, Sociedad Norte de Nefrología, Sociedad Sur de Nefrología, and the Sociedad Valenciana de Nefrología. The official language is English. For further information, contact the Organizing Committee of the XIIIth International Congress of Nephrology, c/o Luis Hernando, M.D., Fundacion Jimenez Diaz, Despacho 31, Avda. Reyes Catolicos 2, 28040 Madrid, Spain. Telephone: 34 1 5491115; FAX: 34 1 5443625.

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The PanAmerican Society for Dialysis and Transplantation Congress will be held in Mexico City, Mexico in 1995. The organization was founded on the spirit of cooperation among nephrologists of different countries in the Americas, and they now publish the Transplant and Dialysis Latin American Register. For further information about the Society, and to contribute to the next Congress, contact Dr. Alejandro Traviño Becerra, Sociedad PanAmericana de Dialisis y Transplante, Tuxpan 16-104, Col. Roma, México, D.F. C.P. 06760. Telephone: (525) 574-23-45.

NIH Studies

Lupus Nephritis and Membranous Nephropathy

Patients with proliferative lupus nephritis and with idiopathic or lupus membranous nephropathy are being sought for therapeutic studies involving innovative immunosuppressive regimens including cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, fludarabine and 2' chlorodeoxyadenosine. Direct your inquiries to: Howard A. Austin, M.D., (301) 496-3092, Dimitrios Boumpas, M.D., (301) 496-3092, Dorothy E. Scott, M.D., (301) 496-0793; NIH Building 10, Room 3N-112, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, USA.

1994 U.S. Transplant Games

Athletes and volunteers are being recruited to participate in the National Kidney Foundation 1994 U.S. Transplant Games, sponsored by Stadtlanders™ pharmacy; the associate sponsor is Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation. An Olympic-style competition for recipients of life-saving transplants will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on August 3–7, 1994. Transplant athletes will compete for medals in one or more of 13 sports offered. Special programs for children ages 2–11, family symposium for family and friends of patients, and an athlete exhibition will be featured. The "Run for Life" road race for organ donation, benefitting the National Kidney Foundation will be open to athletes, families, friends and interested runners. For further information, or to become involved in pre-planning of events, call (800) 622-9010.

Books Received

Drug Prescribing in Renal Failure: Dosing Guidelines for Adults (3rd edition), by William M. Bennett, George R. Aronoff, Thomas A. Golper, Gail Morrison, D. Craig Brater, and Irwin Singer, has been published by The American College of Physicians. This book is a reference on specific drug dosing, presenting factors for determining drug dosage in patients with renal failure in easy-to-read tables. This guide provides recommendations for dosing during continuous arteriovenous hemofiltration and other forms of extracorporeal treatment in patients who have renal disease. Guidelines are organized by drug category: antimicrobial agents; antihypertensive and cardiovascular agents; sedatives; hypnotics, and drugs used in psychiatry; and analgesics. This new edition covers 30 new drugs, including a section on quinolones. An extensive list of references and an index organized by drug name is included. (\$19US for ACP members and \$23US for nonmembers; ISBN 0-943126-29-0; 159pp). For further information contact Diane McCabe, Administrator, Book Publishing, American College of Physicians, Independence Mall West, Sixth Street at Race, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-1572, USA. Telephone (215) 351-2626 or (800) 523-1546.